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SUBJECT: EMBARGO OF POTASSIUM NITRATE - IML-8

REFS: A. OECD PARIS 15612

B. TTG DATED 3/26/73, BELGIAN MEMO RE ML-8

1. DEL SHOULD INDICATE THAT U. S. AUTHORITIES BELIEVE TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP IS NOT NECESSARILY THE MOST APPROPRIATE METHOD OF RESOLVING LONGSTANDING INTERPRETIVE PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH IML-8.

2. DEL AUTHORIZED TO PROPOSE SOLUTION AS FOLLOWS:

A) REDEFINE MOU/8, 1(E) TO READ: " POTASSIUM NITRATE POWDERS COMPOSITED WITH POWDERED METAL OR OTHER HIGH ENERGY FUEL COMPONENTS."

B) DELETE WORD " SODA" FROM PARA 4. SECOND ITEM WILL THEN READ " BLACKPOWDER."

C) DELETE 8 TH ENTRY IN PARA 4 (VIZ. POTASSIUM NITRATE
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POWDER).

JUSTIFICATION: THE CHANGES CLARIFY THAT POTASSIUM NITRATE WILL HENCEFORTH BE EMBARGOED IN THE FORM OF BLACK POWDER OR AS AN INGREDIENT OF ANY OTHER EXPLOSIVES OR FUELS. THIS SOLUTION IS BELIEVED TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF ALL THE DELEGATIONS WHICH HAVE EXPRESSED VIEWS ON THE SUBJECT.

3. RECOGNIZE THAT DEL WILL BE UNABLE TO PREPARE A PROPOSAL DOCUMENT IN TIME FOR THE MEETING. HOWEVER, THE REDEFINITION IS A SIMPLE ONE AND THE SUBJECT HAS BEEN EXHAUSTIVELY DISCUSSED IN THE PAST TO THE POINT THAT ALL OTHER DELS MAY BE EXPECTED TO COMPREHEND IT ON THE BASIS OF A VOCAL EXPLANATION. ROGERS

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